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West Virginia Maple Syrup Production

Charleston, West Virginia – Maple syrup production totaled 8,000 gallons in 2018, down 1,000 gallons from 9,000 gallons produced in 2017. **Number of taps** was 66,000, up 5,000 taps from 61,000 taps in 2017. **Yield per tap** was 0.121 gallons, this is down from the 2017 yield per tap of 0.148 gallons. On average, the **maple syrup season** opened on February 4, 2018 and closed on March 14, 2018. The average season length was 37 days. The first date sap was collected in West Virginia was January 19, 2018. The last date for sap collection was April 10, 2018.

Average price per gallon was \$36.70 in 2017, 24 percent below 2016. The **value of production** was \$330,000, 14 percent higher than 2016. Bulk prices in 2017 were \$2.70 per pound, down from \$2.80 per pound in 2016, and \$29.70 per gallon, down from \$30.30 per gallon the previous year. **Percent of sales by type** in 2017 was 12 percent retail, down 75 percent from the previous year, 6 percent wholesale, unchanged from 2016, and 82 percent bulk, up 78 percent from 2016.

United States – Maple syrup production totaled 4.16 million gallons in 2018, down 3 percent from the previous year. The number of taps is estimated at 13.7 million, up 3 percent from the 2017 total. Yield per tap is estimated to be 0.304 gallon, down 5 percent from the previous season.

The earliest sap flow reported was January 7 in Pennsylvania. The latest sap flow reported to open the season was March 1 in Minnesota. On average, the season lasted 42 days, compared with 37 days in 2017. The 2017 United States average price per gallon was \$33.00, down \$2.00 from 2016. Value of production, at \$141 million for 2017, was down 4 percent from the previous season.

West Virginia Maple Syrup Price by Type of Sale and Size of Container – 2016 and 2017

	Gallon		½ Gallon		Quart		Pint		½ Pint	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(Dollars)									
<i>Retail</i>	43.70	44.40	22.20	27.40	15.80	16.40	9.20	8.80	5.20	5.60
<i>Wholesale</i>	(D)	50.00	(D)	26.20	(D)	16.70	8.70	8.50	(D)	5.40

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operators.